The South 40

By JAMES A. SMITH
Extension Agent

The Junior Bull and Heifer Sale will be at the Red House Bull Evaluation Center Saturday, March 5. There will be 41 bulls offered, including 32 Angus, 4 Polled Hereford, 1 Charolais, 2 Simmental and 2 Red Angus.

Another important part of the sale will be 38 registered females consisting of 21 Angus, 12 Polled Hereford, 4 Simmental and 1 Shorthorn.

The sale starts at noon.

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It's not news that the tobacco industry is in trouble. The alternatives are not good for the many small producers across the Southeast. What can be done is follow those practices that will insure a quality product.

Recently 12 standards were suggested for flue-cured tobacco; many are relevant to other tobacco types:

1. Concentrate on producing the most high quality, medium bodied leaf at the least cost.
2. Practice rotation for disease control.
3. Select and plant seed varieties most in demand.
4. For the best transplants, establish stands of 50 plants/foot in transplant beds.
5. Avoid crop injury from fumigants, wireworms, fertilizer salts and herbicides.
6. Transplant on high row ridge - - no more than 6,500 plants per acre.
7. Use a premium herbicide for control of grass and weeds.
8. Apply 50-80 pounds of nitrogen/acre and make adjustments if leaching rainfalls occur.
9. Apply contact sucker control solution and top early before a systemic chemical is applied.
10. Scout tobacco regularly and spray for insects when necessary.
11. Cure with wet bulb thermometer, paying close attention to ventilation.
12. Take pride in your crop and your industry.

For several years we've urged tobacco producers to soil-test plant bed sites. Some research has indicated that this important plant production area frequently had a long pH.

I believe this is the first year that we have had a grower sample the plant bed. Here are the results: Site 1 pH 5.9; P, VH; K, VH and Ca, VH.

Site 2 pH 5.3; P, VH; K, VH, and Ca, VH.

The pH level was the big difference - - site 2 requires about 70 pounds of agricultural limestone to bring the pH up to an acceptable level.

These soil samples need to be taken in the fall in order for the limestone to begin acting. Better yet, if you are using the same plant bed site year after year, pull the soil sample as soon as you finish transplanting. If limestone is needed - - make the application, disc it in and sow a cover crop of peas or soybeans.

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We have a new publication titled "Operation Respect - - A Landowner's Guide to Working with Sportsmen in Virginia."

Hunters and landowners will find a lot of useful information in this publication.

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If you are interested in using a fumigant on your 1983 tobacco crop, a meeting that addresses the practice, a demonstration on calibration of fumigant equipment, etc. will be held March 22, 9:30 - 3:00 at the Southern Piedmont Reseach Center, Blackstone.

FFA alumni drives for new members

The annual Membership campaign of the Appomattox FFA Alumni Affiliate is now underway. The FFA Alumni is a national organization of former FFA and NFA members interested in assisting present-day FFA members.

"We are considering a major project which new members will find most worthwhile, "Richard B. Carter said in announcing the membership drive. Former members of the FFA and NFA as well as friends of either organizaiton who wish to join the FFA Alumni are invited to call or see Marvin House, Jr. at Central Fidelity Bank.

JOHN PYNE (right) of Culpeper, Virginia Angus Association president is presenting David Reed of Appomattox the Herdsman of the Year award. David is herdsman for Stonewall Farms and received this prestigious honor during the state association's annual meeting in Verona. Photo by American Angus Association.

Happiness is 4-H

By FRANK SWEET

The Appomattox 4-H Public Speaking program will be held Thursday evening, February 24, at 7:00 p.m, in the Appomattox Elementary School. Top 4-H speakers from 9-18 years of age will be participating in the program. Speakers selected to participate in the County Contest were chosen from more than 300 young people who took part in 4-H Public Speaking this year. Farmers National Bank will provide ribbons and trophies for the program.

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4-H'ers from Bailey County, Texas will be visiting in Appomattox during the week of July 18-24, as we begin a new Interstate Exchange program. Approximately 15 4-H'ers and 4 adults will travel from Texas to stay with 4-H families in Appomattox. Applications for host families for the Texas 4-H'ers and chaperones will be available for Senior 4-H'ers at their March meetings. A group of Appomattox 4-H'ers and chaperones will travel to Texas in the summer of 1984.

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Kathy Bryan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. Howard Bryan of Concord, is the new 4-H representative on the Appomattox Extension Advisory Council. Kathy is a member of the 4-Leaf Clover 4-H Club in the Stonewall area.

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Several 4-H judging teams have begun practicing during the past week. Judging teams provide one of the best opportunities for 4-H members to learn to make decisions. 4-H'er may still sign up for the various judging teams.

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Bluebird houses are again available from J.E. Sears & Co. at a cost $1.25. The birdhouses come with the complete parts and the young person is required to assembly the birdhouse. Bluebird house should be put up by the middle of March as bluebirds will begin searching for nesting places.

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The Appomattox County 4-H Presentation program will be Saturday, March 26, at Appomattox Elementary School. Special help workshops will be held at the Elementary School during early and mid-March.

Boosters to meet

The ACHS Choral Boosters will meet in the band room Monday, Feb. 28, at 7:30 p.m.

All parents of choral members are urged to attend.

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1983 FFA WEEK FEBRUARY 19—26

Team record is 7-0

Volleyball team unbeaten in district

The Raiderette volleyball team remains unbeaten in district play, following wins over Liberty, William Campbell, Brookville and Altavista the past two weeks.

The Raiderettes lifted their district record to 4-0 with a 7-15; 15-12; 15-13; 15-2 victory over Liberty.

Kim Shupe and Janice Campbell led Raiderette scoring with 11 points. They were followed by Ruby Smith with 11 points. They were followed by Ruby Smith with 10 points, Patty Roach with 9 points, Suzan Eye with 6 points and Kim Hancock with 5.

High scorers for Liberty were Junnell Leftwich with 10 points and Shirley Staples with 8.

Wednesday the Raiderettes defeated William Campbell 15-5, 15-4, 15-11.

Kim Shupe led all scorers with 18 points. Janice Campbell and Kim Hancock both added 7 points, followed by Patty Roach with 6. Suzan Eye had 4 scoring serves and Ruby Smith added 3.

Wanda Roach had 5 points for William Campbell and Rhonda Stevens and Rita Moore each added 4 points.

The Raiderettes travelled to Brookville Thursday night and posted their sixth win, 15-10, 15-4, 15-4.

Patty Roach led all scorers with 14 points followed by Kim Shupe with 13. Kim Hancock added 8 points. Suzan Eye, Janice Campbell, and Diann Harvey each had 2 serves. Ruby Smith and Cheryl Williams had 1 scoring serve each.

Angela Laughlin led Brookville scorers with 7 points followed by Lori George with 5.

Friday night the Raiderettes defeated a tough Altavista team in 5 games, 6-15, 10-15, 12-7, 15-11, 15-9.

Kim Hancock led Raiderette scorers with 17 points. Suzan Eye added 12. Kim Shupe and Patty Roach both contributed 10 points to the Appomattox win. Ruby Smith had 6 scoring serves followed by Janice Campbell with 3.

Ruby Smith, Suzan Eye and Kim Shupe were leading spikers with 28, 21, 19 respectively. Kim Hancock had 8 spikes.

Patty Roach and Janice Campbell each had 28 sets.

Altavista high scorers were Jenny Hecht with 18 and Patti Smith with 11 serving points.

The Raiderettes take their 7-0 record into Thursday's home game against undefeated Jefferson Forest, This is the last game before the district tournament begins on March 2 at Altavista.

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